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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Planning, Programming and
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SUBJECT : Bureau of the Budget Request for Additional
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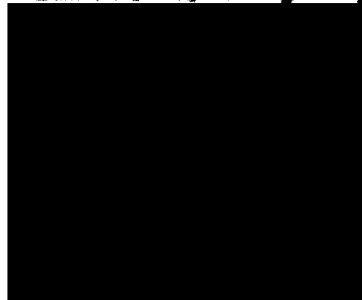
1. I have reviewed carefully ██████████ draft of a request to the Agency to issue ten additional ██████████. Undoubtedly ██████████ is referring to the ██████████ clearance system which was established by the DCI at the request of McGeorge Bundy in August of 1965 for the purpose of "access approval for high-level policy-making Government officials and consultants who are determined by the Secretary of Defense, the Director/NRO, or the DCI to require access to all current and future overhead reconnaissance projects."

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2. At the moment, according to my records, only the following people possess ██████████ Special Clearances:

Lyndon B. Johnson
Hubert H. Humphrey

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3. It doesn't appear to me that the people referred to in ██████████ letter meet the requirement specified; i.e., high-level policy-making officials of the U.S. Government, and

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while I appreciate [REDACTED]' concern about placing an undue workload on the Security personnel of this Agency, I don't feel that the few individuals in the Bureau of the Budget who need to be cleared on a project-by-project basis should cause him this worry. I can assure that the Bureau of the Budget requirement can be met expeditiously within the framework of the present system. Secondly, although the Bureau of the Budget system internally may be "unnecessarily disruptive of people such as the Director of the Bureau," examination of the need-to-know in each case should not be based on whether or not that review is "disruptive."

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4. In summary, [REDACTED] does not make a sufficiently convincing case to extend the [REDACTED] to BOB staff officers to warrant recommending to you, the Executive Director-Comptroller, or the DCI a change in our current policy of clearing individuals on a project-by-project basis. Key individuals in the Agency, including the Deputy Directors and others on the Seventh Floor, are not included in the [REDACTED] Special system, and no serious problem, to my knowledge, has resulted. I suggest you inform [REDACTED] that we will be happy to clear, on a project-by-project basis, all individuals in the Bureau of the Budget for whom the need-to-know can be demonstrated.

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5. I would certainly not recommend to the DCI that the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, much less [REDACTED] be delegated authority for granting access to specific projects under the [REDACTED] Special system or any other system. This would be, prima facie, an abdication of the Director's responsibility for safeguarding intelligence sources and methods.

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